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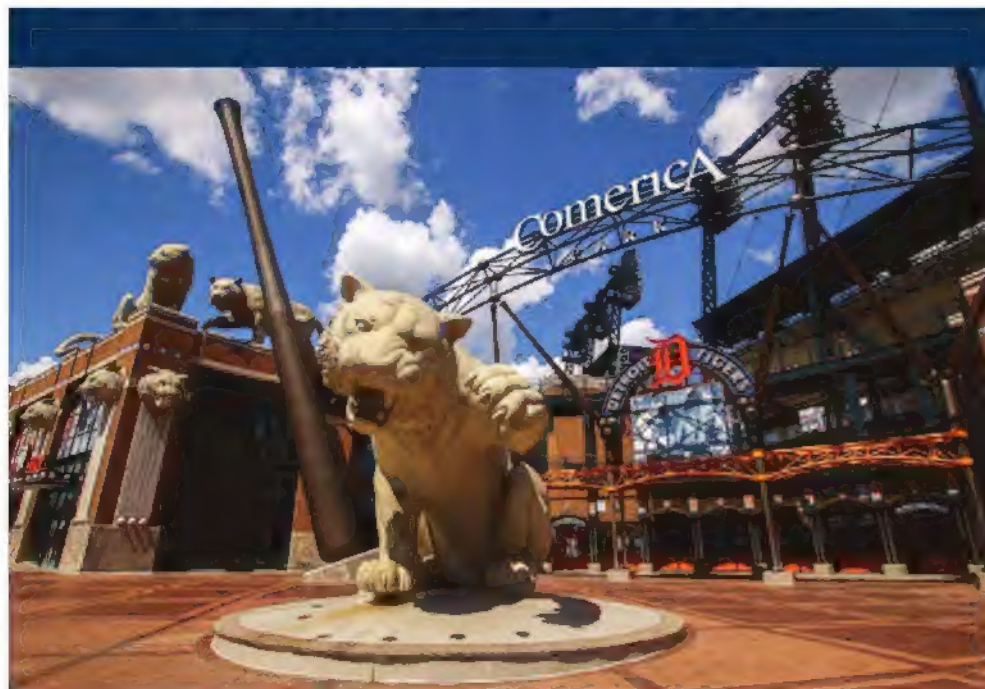


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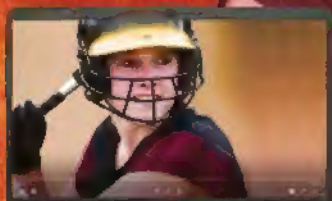
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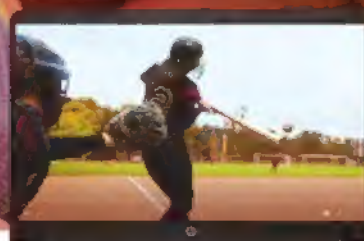


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CHRISTOPHER ILITCH

PRESIDENT AND CEO, ILITCH HOLDINGS, INC. CHAIRMAN AND CEO, DETROIT TIGERS



- A lifelong Michigander, Chris serves as Chairman and CEO of the Detroit Tigers. Under Ilitch ownership for nearly three decades, the team is considered one of the most iconic franchises in professional sports and prides itself on a rich history and storied tradition dating back to 1901.

- Since being purchased by the Ilitch family in 1992, the team has made two World Series appearances, established record-setting attendance, and played host to the 2005 Major League Baseball All-Star Game. In the heart of downtown, Comerica Park remains one of the most renowned and fan-friendly ballparks in the game.

- Chris has been a strong advocate of the organization's ongoing commitment to cutting-edge analytics and advanced technologies, while aggressively supporting the team's core pillars of sustainable success: superior scouting, drafting, and development of young talent.

- A respected and active voice in the game, Chris regularly attends Major League Baseball owner meetings, and has served on a variety of pivotal MLB committees, including: Executive, Competition,

Long-Term Strategic, Audit, Ownership, and Legislative Affairs.

- Chris also serves as President and CEO of Ilitch Holdings, Inc. With deep Michigan roots, the Detroit-based, family-owned company has grown into a world-class food, sports & entertainment and real estate development organization that is now comprised of 11 companies that employ tens of thousands of people across the world and generate billions of dollars in annual revenue. Under his leadership, these companies continue to experience significant growth and transformation.

- A long-time champion of Detroit, Chris is passionate about continuing to help revitalize the city. This includes the development of The District Detroit, a dynamic sports and entertainment district featuring award-winning theatres, four professional sports teams and three multi-use sports venues, including the state-of-the-art Little Caesars Arena – home of the Detroit Red Wings, the Detroit Pistons and world-class entertainment and community events.

- Chris has also been engaged in prominent largescale national sporting events in Detroit, including the 2010 NCAA Men's Frozen Four Hockey Championship (co-chair), the 2009 NCAA Final Four Men's Basketball Tournament, Super Bowl XL and the 2005 Major League Baseball All-Star Game (chair). Additional upcoming national sporting events scheduled for Little Caesars Arena include the 2022 Men's Wrestling Championships and 2024 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship Regionals.

- Chris is an active business leader across the state of Michigan and in the city of Detroit. He serves on the board, executive committee and nominating committee for Business Leaders

for Michigan, the board and executive committee for the Downtown Detroit Partnership, is a member of the board of directors of the Detroit Economic Club and is on the Taubman Advisory Board of the Harvard Kennedy School.

- Chris is also Chairman of Ilitch Charities, a non-profit organization which supports people in need with financial and in-kind donations and sponsorship. From youth development to community revitalization, Ilitch Charities continues to make an enduring impact in the communities in which the Ilitch companies serve, with more than \$207 million in charitable giving since 2000.

- Passionate about baseball his entire life, Chris was a captain of his high school baseball team at Cranbrook and coached his sons' youth baseball teams.

- A proud father of three, Chris resides with his wife, Kelle, in metro Detroit.

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CHRIS GRANGER

GROUP PRESIDENT, SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT, ILITCH HOLDINGS, INC.

Enters his fourth full baseball season as Group President of Sports and Entertainment, at Ilitch Holdings, Inc.

- An experienced sports and entertainment executive, Granger joined the organization in 2017 and is responsible for optimizing the fan and partner experience at all Ilitch-related venues; growing, recruiting and retaining executive talent in the business verticals of the company's sports and entertainment organizations; collaborating with partners to ensure highly active, attractive and community-focused venues; and more.

- Granger oversaw the opening of Little Caesars Arena, which received the prestigious Sports Facility of the Year award at the 2018 Sports Business Awards ceremony. The award was established by SportsBusiness Journal and SportsBusiness Daily to celebrate and recognize the leaders, visionaries and day-to-day practitioners who personify excellence in the business of sports.

- In 2019, Little Caesars Arena ranked second in attendance among arenas in the nation, the DTE Energy Music Theatre was No. 1 among all amphitheaters worldwide and the iconic Fox Theatre ranked sixth in the country among theatres, per Pollstar.

- Granger and his family are active in a wide range of charitable organizations in the Detroit community, including Make-a-Wish Michigan, Forgotten Harvest, the Salvation Army, and City Year Detroit, where Granger proudly serves on the Board.

- Chris previously served as President of the Sacramento Kings and Sacramento Basketball Holdings, LLC. During his tenure, the Kings enjoyed unprecedented revenue growth and were widely recognized as a highly innovative and community-minded franchise. Granger's influence also extended to the development of Sacramento's new, award-winning Golden 1 Center, and its 1.5 million square-foot downtown mixed-use development project, Downtown Commons.

- Prior to joining the Kings, Chris worked in various capacities for



the NBA for 14 years. He most recently served as the Executive Vice President of the NBA's renowned Team Marketing and Business Operations function, where he advised NBA, WNBA and NBA Development League teams on all aspects of business operations.

- Received his bachelor's degree from Cornell University and his Master of Business Administration from Yale. He was named Sacramento Business Person of the Year in 2017 and was a 2010 Sports Business Journal Forty Under 40 award winner.

- He and his wife, Jennifer, have two daughters, Zoe and Megan, and reside in metro Detroit.



AL AVILA

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, BASEBALL OPERATIONS & GENERAL MANAGER



Enters his 30th season in professional baseball, 20th season with the organization and fifth full season as the Tigers Executive Vice President of Baseball Operations and General Manager, after being named to the position on August 4, 2015.

- Oversees the day-to-day baseball operations of the organization and the Major League club.

- Under Avila's leadership, the Tigers have acquired a young core of talent through trades, the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft and international free agency, while implementing a long-term strategy that has a focus on developing and retaining young, controllable talent across all levels of the organization. As a result of this focus, the Tigers player development system, which was ranked near the bottom of its peers just a few years ago, enters the 2021 season ranked No. 2 in Major League Baseball, according to MLB Pipeline.

- Avila has made significant staffing and infrastructure additions in many areas of the club's baseball operations, including continuing to expand the analytics and sport performance departments.

- Has spearheaded infrastructure improvements throughout all areas of the Tigers player development system, including a state-of-the-art facility at TigerTown in Lakeland and upgrades to the organization's academy in the Dominican Republic.

- Served as the interim General Manager for the Florida Marlins during the 2001 offseason.

- Named Florida's Vice President and Assistant General Manager in July, 2001.

- Under Avila's guidance, the Marlins drafted 2003 World Series Most Valuable Player Josh Beckett in the first round of the June 1999 draft, while in the first round of the June 2000 draft, the Marlins drafted one of the youngest players to play in the MLB Futures Game and five-time MLB All-Star first baseman Adrián González.

- On the international front, Avila, while at the Marlins, led the way to the 1999 signing of then-shortstop Miguel Cabrera, who won the American League Triple Crown in 2012 and was named the American League Most Valuable Player...Cabrera made it to the Major Leagues in 2003 at the age of 20 and clubbed four home runs during the postseason for the 2003 World Champion Marlins... also was instrumental in the signing and development of second baseman Luis Castillo, shortstop Alex González and shortstop Edgar Rentería, all who were named All-Stars during their MLB career.

- Named Director of Scouting for the Marlins in July, 1998... was responsible for all of the Marlins scouting efforts on both the national and international levels and he oversaw the development of those players in the baseball academies in the Dominican Republic and Venezuela.

- Under Avila's guidance, the Marlins signed 1997 NLCS and World Series Most Valuable Player Iván Hernández.

- Before being named the Director of Latin American Operations in 1994, Avila was originally hired by the Marlins as the Assistant Director of Latin American Operations in June, 1992.

- Prior to joining the Marlins, Avila served as the Director of Athletics and head baseball coach at St. Thomas (FL) University from 1989-92... he led the team to a number three ranking in the 1992 NAIA poll and won the Florida Sun Conference Championship in 1991 and 1992...Avila was named the 1991 Florida Sun Conference Coach of the Year... Avila was inducted into the St. Thomas University Athletics Hall of Fame in November, 2016.

- Served as General Manager of the Daytona Beach Admirals of the Florida State League in 1987 and worked for the Los Angeles Dodgers organization in 1986.

- A graduate of Hialeah High School, Avila earned a master's degree in sports administration from St. Thomas University in 1986.

- A former catcher, Avila was signed as a non-drafted free agent with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

- Is the first Cuban-born general manager in Major League Baseball history.

- Inducted into the Professional Baseball Scouts Hall of Fame in 2012.

- He and his wife, Yamile, have three children: sons, Alexander and Alan, and daughter, Annelisa Marie, and three grandchildren, Asher, Avery and Zoey.

- Is the son of Ralph Avila, former Vice President of the Los Angeles Dodgers, and now Senior Scouting Advisor, Dominican Republic. He was named 2006 International Scout of the Year by Major League Baseball.



A NEW SKIP

By: Jennifer Rogers

A.J. Hinch was no stranger to Detroit when he accepted the new manager position on October 30, 2020. Hinch, a former catcher for the Tigers, knew there is nothing like Detroit's love for its hometown baseball team.

After the last out of the 2020 World Series, Hinch's phone began to ring -- it was Al Avila, the Tigers' Executive Vice President of Baseball Operations and General Manager. Avila invited Hinch to Detroit to interview for the job the very next day. Soon after arriving, Hinch met with the Tigers brass, followed by a long discussion with Avila. The choice was clear. Hinch was the right man for the job.

"In my opinion, he is a difference maker," Avila said at Hinch's introductory press conference. "I was looking for a guy to partner with me -- working together to bring the team together."

An MLB manager for seven seasons that boasts an impressive 570-452 record and extensive experience with managing teams featuring a young core, Hinch was named the Detroit Tigers 39th manager in club history.

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Before the Big Leagues

Hinch was born on May 15, 1974 in Iowa, but grew up in Midwest City, Oklahoma. As for his passion for baseball? Well, that started at a very young age.

"I fell in love with the sport from the very beginning," Hinch said. "My dad built me a cage in the backyard because he always wanted me to have some place to practice. I played in two leagues when I was a young player, trying to play as much baseball as I could."

As Hinch got older, more and more opportunities started to open up for the young ballplayer. Hinch began playing for Team USA, traveling outside of Oklahoma to places like Canada and Mexico. He had the opportunity to play at Dodgers Stadium and the University of Southern California.

When it became apparent that playing college baseball was a reality, Hinch knew exactly where he wanted to pursue the next step in his athletic and academic career.

"I told my parents I wanted the best school with the best baseball program," Hinch said. "Stanford was my second or third official visit. The day I stepped on campus, I turned everybody else away. I felt completely at home from the beginning."

During Hinch's senior year of high school, he was named Gatorade Player of the Year. Despite being drafted in the second round (62nd overall) of the 1992 MLB Draft by the Chicago White Sox, Hinch still decided to attend Stanford.

After his junior season in Palo Alto, Hinch was drafted again, this time by the Minnesota Twins in the 1995 MLB Draft. Hinch declined and opted to remain at Stanford for his senior season.

Hinch had an impressive career with the Cardinal, where he established himself as one of the best catchers in the country. Hinch was a two-time Pac-10 Player of the Year and a three-time All-American while leading the Cardinal to the College World Series in 1996. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in psychology before being drafted in the third round by Oakland in the 1996 MLB Draft.

Professional Playing Career

After being drafted by the Athletics in 1996 and spending the 1997 season in the minor leagues, Hinch made his debut for Oakland on April 1, 1998. Hinch spent the whole 1998 season and most of the 1999 campaign with the Major League club, batting .225 with 16 home runs, 14 doubles and 59 RBI. In 2000, Hinch spent the majority of the season in Triple-A with the Athletics.

Hinch was traded to Kansas City on January 8, 2001, as part of a three-team trade with Oakland and Tampa Bay. From 2001-02, Hinch



played in 113 games for the Royals. After being released by Kansas City in October 2002, he was signed to a free agent contract by Cleveland on December 23, 2002. Without ever playing for the Indians, Hinch became a member of the Detroit Tigers on March 29, 2003.

During his lone season in Detroit, Hinch played for then-manager and current Special Assistant to the General Manager Alan Trammell, batting .203 with three homers and 11 RBI over 27 games. Hinch finished his professional career in 2005.



Managerial Career

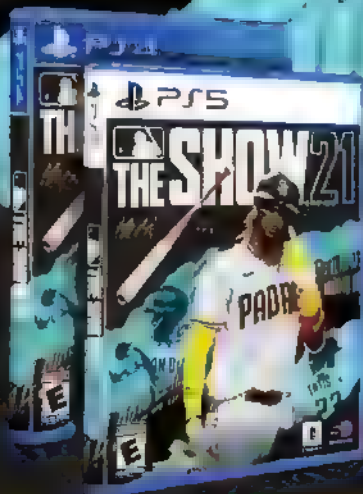
Upon ending his playing career, Hinch quickly transitioned to a front office position with the Arizona Diamondbacks. From 2005-09, he held multiple roles in the front office, including Director of Player Development.

In May 2009, Hinch was plucked from the front office to replace Bob Melvin as manager of the Diamondbacks, where he remained until July 1, 2010. At 34 years old, Hinch quickly became the youngest manager in the major leagues. He then jumped back into the front office realm with the San Diego Padres, serving as the Vice President of Scouting and Assistant General Manager from 2010-14. In that position, Hinch oversaw all aspects of the club's professional scouting and medical departments, while assisting with roster composition, player acquisitions, talent evaluation and contract negotiations.

The Houston Astros hired Hinch as their manager on September 29, 2014. He led the Astros to four postseason appearances, including a World Series Championship in 2017, during his five seasons with the club. Hinch was named Baseball America Manager of the Year following the 2017 season. Hinch led the Astros to a franchise-record .594 winning percentage, three-straight 100-plus-win seasons (2017-

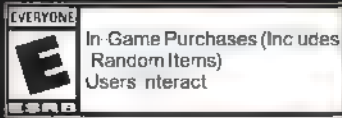
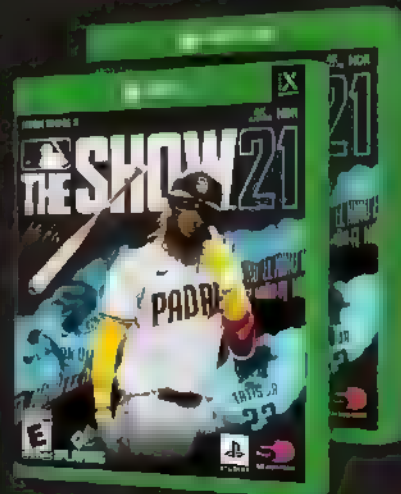
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19) and four playoff appearances in his five seasons, including during his first year as manager in 2015

Taking the Reins

Along with the winning pedigree that Hinch brings to Detroit, he also prides himself on building a strong culture with his staff and players around the clubhouse

"Everybody thinks managing is putting on hit-and-runs, taking out the pitcher, pinch hitting. That certainly is a large facet of it, but the majority of my time is a leader of men, a leader in the clubhouse, players, the people behind the players, it is an all-encompassing job," Hinch said

Being a manager is complex. Decisions both on and off the field fill each day with new and interesting hurdles, especially when stepping into the position with a new team.

"When you are around people that are evolving as leaders and intellectual curiosity takes them towards the new and exciting way of leading men, that resonates with me and is something I have continued to look for and it is the type of coaching staff that I built," Hinch said

That coaching staff is a blend of new faces and familiar ones to Tigers players and fans. Combined, Hinch and his staff have a strong background with diverse experiences that will serve this Tigers team well into the future

"What I have learned over the years of doing this, this generation of players is a little bit different," Hinch said. "Yes, you need to lead them. Yes, you need to guide them, but you also have to be a good listener."

As for Detroit, Hinch understands the incredible tradition that is Detroit Baseball. After all, he donned the Olde English 'D' himself. It is not lost on Hinch that this city and its baseball team are synonymous. They support and represent each other.

"Being a part of the fabric of the community is very important to me," Hinch said. "My wife and I will be intermingling with the fans, the people and the community"

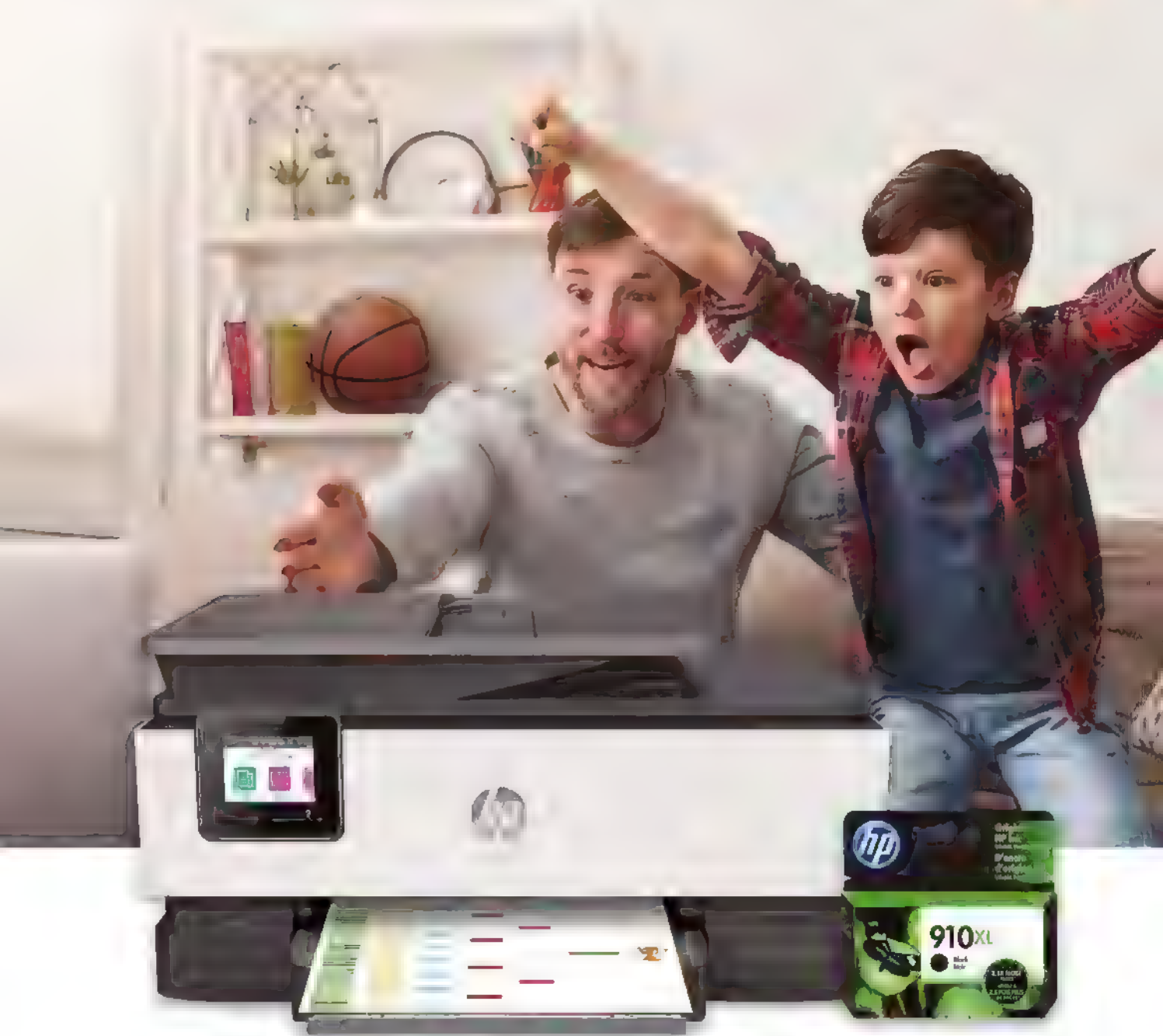
"When you look at the Tigers, the Olde English 'D' is one of the most historic brands that you can imagine in the sport," Hinch said. "The uniform is the same uniform that they wore 100 years ago. There's a uniqueness to that in our sport."



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A.J. HINCH

MANAGER



On October 30, 2020, A.J. Hinch was named the 39th manager in Detroit Tigers history. Hinch has one of the most diverse range of experiences of any manager in baseball, including having success in roles as a player, manager and front office executive since breaking into professional baseball in 1997.

- Enters the 2021 campaign with a 570-452 career managerial record after stints with Arizona (2009-10) and Houston (2015-19)...entering the 2021 campaign, he leads active Major League managers (min. seven seasons) in career win percentage at .558.

- Did not manage during the 2020 season while serving a one-year suspension from Major League Baseball.

- Under his leadership in his most recent managerial post in Houston, the Astros reached the playoffs four times in five seasons, including in his first year as manager in 2015...that playoff appearance snapped a nine-year drought for Houston, posting a 16-win improvement from the club's record the year before.

- En route to a franchise-record .594 winning percentage during his time with the Astros, Hinch led the club to 100-plus wins in three-straight seasons (2017-19), a World Series Championship (2017) and



American League Pennant (2019).

- For his efforts during the 2017 season, he was named the Baseball America Manager of the Year and Esurance MLB Award as Major League Baseball's Best Manager. Following his first season in Houston in 2015, he finished second in voting for 2015 BBWAA American League Manager of the Year Award.

- Managed the 2018 American League All-Star Team to a 10-inning, 8-6 victory at Nationals Park in Washington, D.C.

- His first managerial post was with Arizona, serving in the role for parts of the 2009 and 2010 seasons...he was 34 years-old at the time of his appointment, the youngest manager in the Major Leagues.

- Between his time as manager in Arizona and Houston (2011-14) he worked in San Diego's front office, serving as Vice President of Scouting and Assistant General Manager...in that role he oversaw all aspects of the club's professional scouting and medical departments, while assisting with the club's roster composition, player acquisitions, talent evaluation and contract negotiations.

- Had additional front office experience with Arizona, where he worked from 2005-09 following his retirement as a player...held multiple roles

including Director of Player Development until being named the club's field manager in 2009.

- Had a seven-year Major League playing career, suiting up for 350 games between Oakland (1998-2000), Kansas City (2001-02), Detroit (2003) and Philadelphia (2004)...over his career, the catcher hit 219/280/.356 with 28 doubles, 32 home runs and 112 RBI.

- During his lone season in Detroit, Hinch played for then-manager and current Special Assistant to the General Manager, Alan Trammell, batting .203 (15x74) with three homers and 11 RBI over 27 games.

- Was drafted three times as an amateur, eventually signing with Oakland after being selected in the third round of the 1996 MLB Draft.

- Played collegiately at Stanford University, where he established himself as one of the best catchers in the country...was a three-time All-American and All-Pac-10 team selection, and two-time Pac-10 Player of the Year, while leading the Cardinal to the College World Series in 1996 and finishing the season as a finalist for the Golden Spikes Award.

- During his time in Palo Alto, Hinch earned his Bachelor of Science in psychology and was a member of the 1996 bronze medal-winning U.S. Olympic Baseball Team.



SCOTT COOLBAUGH Hitting Coach | Born: June 13, 1966 | Hometown: Binghamton, NY

Enters his first season on the Tigers coaching staff as the club's hitting coach, after serving as the assistant hitting coach for the Chicago White Sox during the 2020 season.

Has over 20 years of experience as a professional hitting coach between 1999 and present, recently helping to develop and grow some of the sport's most successful players.

Working with White Sox hitters during the 2020 season, the club posted one of the best offensive campaigns in recent memory...as a team they ranked among the American League leaders in many offensive categories, including: first in slugging percentage (.453) and average fly ball distance (328.6 feet), second in batting average (.261) and tied for third in extra-base hits (196)...slugger José Abreu also earned AL Most Valuable Player honors following the season.

Spent 2019 with Triple A Oklahoma City as hitting coach, working closely with young Dodgers talent such as top prospect Gavin Lux, who was Baseball America's Minor League Player of the Year that season...the club also ranked third in the Pacific Coast League in walks (573).

Was the Major League hitting coach for Baltimore from 2015-18...during his tenure with the Orioles, the club had the third-highest home run total (890) of any in the Major Leagues, while also ranking eighth in total bases (9,367) and ninth in slugging percentage (.423)...Baltimore led baseball with 253 homers in 2016, and

seven Orioles hit 20-plus longballs in 2017

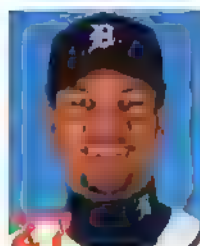
Spent eight seasons (2007-14) in the Texas organization as a hitting instructor, including time as the Major League hitting coach from June of 2011 through the end of the 2012 season...in 2011, the Rangers led the big leagues in batting average (.283), and won the American League pennant...Texas led baseball in runs scored (808) and ranked second in the AL in batting average (.272) during the 2012 campaign

Prior to joining the Major League staff with the Rangers, he worked as a hitting coach in the club's Minor League system from 2007-11, including time with Double A Frisco (2007-08), Triple A Oklahoma City (2009-10) and Triple A Round Rock (2011, 13)...began his coaching career in the Arizona system from 1999-2004.

The former third baseman played in parts of four seasons in the Major Leagues, spending time with Texas (1989-1990), San Diego (1991) and St. Louis (1994)...posted a combined .215/.281/.310 slashline with eight homers and 41 RBI over 167 career games

Originally drafted by Texas in the third round of the 1987 MLB Draft out of the University of Texas...was an All-American with the Longhorns, hitting .361 with 15 home runs as a junior in 1987...his .351 career batting average ranks as the 13th highest in school history.

Serves on the Board of Directors for Diamond Dreams, a non-profit organization that honors the memory of his brother, Mike, by promoting safety in the game of baseball and providing support to members of the baseball community in need...Mike Coolbaugh died while coaching first base for the Tulsa Drillers in July of 2007



JOSÉ CRUZ JR. Major League Coach | Born: Apr. 19, 1974 | Hometown: Arroyo, PR

The 12-year Major League veteran enters his first season with the Tigers in his role as Major League coach. The appointment marks his first on a Major League coaching staff.

Will focus on hitting instruction and work with the team's outfielders in his role with the club

While his post with the Tigers marks his first Major League coaching assignment, he's held a variety of

other roles around the sport since retiring as a player in 2008...in 2013 he joined the Major League Baseball Players Association's player services department, and was later an analyst for ESPN's baseball coverage

Originally selected by Seattle with the No. 3 pick in the 1995 MLB Draft, he batted .247/.337/.445 over the course of his career, slugging 204 home runs, 252

doubles and 36 triples...he also stole 113 bases over 1,388 career games played.

Among the 181 players that had over 1,000 at-bats during the span of his career (1997-2008), he stood out as having advanced speed, plate discipline and fielding skills, ranking No. 32 in walk rate (12.1%), No. 33 in triples and No. 46 in stolen bases...of the 24 players over that span who logged at least 11,000.0 innings in the outfield, he ranked No. 12 with a .986 fielding percentage after committing just 40 errors...committed just two errors in 360 total chances during his 2003 campaign with San Francisco, earning himself a National League Gold Glove.

Hit .353 with a .476 on-base percentage over five games during the 2006 World Baseball Classic, helping Team Puerto Rico to the second round of play.

Hailing from one of the largest baseball families in the sport's history, he enters the 2021 season with eight relatives having played professional baseball, including his father, who is in the Houston Astros Hall of Fame...his son, Trei, was drafted by the Tigers in the third round of the 2020 MLB Draft



CHRIS FETTER Pitching Coach (Born: December 23, 1985 | Hometown: Carmel, IN)

Enters his first season on the Tigers coaching staff, serving as pitching coach. Though he is one of the youngest coaches in the Major Leagues, Fetter has a wealth of experience across baseball, including most recently as the pitching coach at the University of Michigan for three seasons (2018-20).

Established as one of the brightest pitching minds in college baseball, he helped the Wolverines identify

and develop elite pitchers, aiding the team's run to the College World Series Finals in 2019...during that 2019 run, his staff was ranked 10th in the nation and led the Big Ten Conference with a 3.46 ERA (635 OIP/344ER), while finishing seventh in the nation with just 744 hits allowed per game.

Under his tutelage at Michigan, his alma mater, the team had a trio of pitchers drafted in the top three rounds of each the 2019 and 2020 MLB Drafts.

Prior to his time with the Wolverines, he was the Minor League pitching coordinator

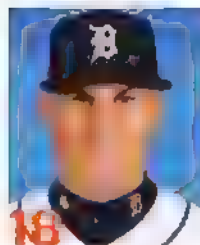
with the Dodgers (2016-17), pitching coach at Ball State University (2016-17), professional scout with the Angels (2013-15) and assistant pitching coach for Double A San Antonio (2013).

He and Tigers manager A.J. Hinch crossed paths while both were in the San Diego organization, where Fetter was a righthanded pitcher from 2009-12 and Hinch was the Vice President of Scouting and Assistant General Manager from 2011-14.

During his four seasons in professional baseball as a player, he posted a combined 6-11 record and 3.56 ERA (179.2IP/71ER) at the Single A level, striking out 162 and walking just 49.

He was a standout player at Michigan, earning All-Big Ten honors three times and helping the team to three conference championships and four NCAA tournament appearances...his 332.1 innings pitched ranks as the highest total in school history, while his 28 career wins and 281 career strikeouts each rank as the third-highest.

Following his college career he was drafted in the ninth round of the MLB Draft by San Diego.



CHIP HALE Third Base Coach (Born: December 2, 1964 | Hometown: San Jose, CA)

Hale joins the coaching staff in Detroit in 2021, wearing the Olde English 'D' for the first time.

One of the most experienced coaches in the game, Hale has served in a variety of roles during his 34 seasons in professional baseball.

Most recently was a member of the Washington coaching staff, helping lead the club to a World Series Championship as bench coach in 2019...served as

bench coach from 2018-19 and third base coach in 2020.

Prior to his time with Washington he spent two seasons as Arizona's manager, posting a combined 148-176 record...the appointment marked his first Major League managerial post...crossed paths with Tigers skipper A.J. Hinch when they both worked with the Diamondbacks.

Spent four seasons as a coach with the Major League staff in Oakland, including as third base coach (2017) and bench coach (2012-14)...also served as the third base coach with the New York Mets for a pair of seasons (2010-11).

From 2007-09 he played a prominent role as third base coach and infield instructor with Arizona, including during the club's 2007 National League West Division

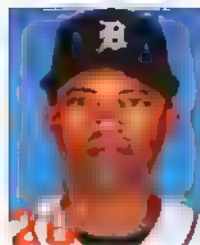
championship run.

Prior to his Major League coaching roles he spent six seasons as manager in Arizona's Minor League system...capped his Minor League managerial career by leading Triple A Tucson to the 2006 Pacific Coast League title and Triple A national championship with a franchise-best 91-53 record.

Led Double A El Paso to a standout 76-62 record during the 2002 season and Rookie League Missoula to the Pioneer League's Northern Division second-half championship in 2001...following that 2001 season he was named Baseball America's Rookie-Level Manager of the Year.

Transitioned to coaching following a seven-year Major League playing career, comprised of six seasons with Minnesota (1989-96) and one with the Dodgers (1997)...the infielder posted a career slashline of .277/.346/.363 with 35 extra-base hits and 78 RBI.

Was drafted by the Twins in the 17th round of the 1987 MLB Draft out of the University of Arizona, where he started every game of his collegiate career...establishing a record that wouldn't be broken until 2001...established school records for career hits and walks, and batted .345 for the 1988 Wildcat team that won the College World Series.



GEORGE LOMBARD Bench Coach (Born: September 14, 1975 | Hometown: Atlanta, GA)

Lombard joins the Tigers coaching staff for his first season as bench coach, after serving as the first base coach with the Dodgers for the previous five years. His transition to coaching came following a 16-year playing career in professional baseball.

His 2020 campaign served as a career highlight, helping the Dodgers to a World Series championship...also coached the club's baserunners and outfielders,

helping a number of elite players develop and excel at the Major League level.

Prior to his time with the Dodgers he spent the 2015 season as Atlanta's Minor League field coordinator, preceded by parts of six seasons working in the Red Sox player development system.

With Boston he served three years as the organization's Minor League outfield and baserunning coordinator (2013-15), two as the manager of the Gulf Coast League Red Sox (2011-12) and one as the hitting coach for Single A Lowell (2010)...as manager of the GCL Red Sox his teams went 59-61, and the 2012 club reached the GCL finals.

Prior to becoming a coach he played six seasons in the Major Leagues, including three seasons with Atlanta (1998-2000) and one each with Detroit (2002), Tampa Bay (2003) and Washington (2006)...over his career in the big leagues he batted 281/340/621, knocking 12 doubles, three triples and eight home runs, while driving in 21 RBI and stealing 23 bases.

During his 2002 campaign with the Tigers he established career highs with 72 games played, 58 hits, 11 doubles, three triples, five homers and 13 RBI.

Played 1,213 Minor League games in his career, combining to post a 262/355/437 slashline, with 212 doubles, 55 triples, 143 home runs and 540 RBI...went 318-for-408 in stolen base attempts over that span, and committed just three errors in 2,015.1 innings played to post a .994 fielding percentage.

Was an All-American high school running back who signed to play football and baseball at the University of Georgia before opting to begin his professional baseball career...was drafted by Atlanta in the second round of the 1994 MLB Draft out of The Lovett School (GA).

His late mother, Posy, was a civil rights activist who marched alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., among many other courageous and selfless acts to promote equality.



JUAN NIEVES Assistant Pitching Coach | Born: January 5, 1965 | Hometown: Santurce, PR

Joining the Tigers Major League coaching staff for his first season, Nieves enters his third season in the organization. With vast experience coaching at the Major and Minor League levels, Nieves will work hand-in-hand with pitching coach Chris Fetter to maximize the potential of the club's pitchers.

Was named the pitching coach at Triple A Toledo for the previous two seasons, but spent 2020 working at the club's alternate training site due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

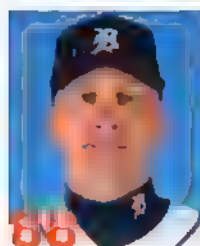
Prior to joining the Tigers organization he spent three seasons on the Major

League staff with Miami, serving as pitching coach...was also the Major League pitching coach with Boston for three seasons (2013-15) and bullpen coach with the White Sox for five seasons (1992-1996)

Spent nine seasons as a Minor League coach in the White Sox system (1999-2007) and five seasons in the Yankees system (1992-1996).

Originally signed by Milwaukee in 1983, he later became the second-youngest player in Major League history to throw a no-hitter, completing the feat on April 15, 1987 against Baltimore...over three seasons with the Brewers he posted a combined 32-25 record and 4.71 ERA (490 2IP/257ER), striking out 352 and walking 227.

Prior to signing with Milwaukee he played at Avon Old Farms High School (CT), where he posted a career 19-1 record with a 1.05 ERA.



JOSH PAUL Quality Control Coach | Born: May 19, 1975 | Hometown: Evanston, IL

Enters his second season in the Tigers organization after being named as the quality control coach on November 12, 2019. Also coaches the club's catchers, and works closely with the baseball analytics department.

Prior to joining the Tigers, he spent the previous two seasons as the bench coach for the Los Angeles Angels.

Served in a variety of roles for the New York Yankees from 2009-17, including as the Club's Minor League catching coordinator from 2015-17 and as a professional scout from 2011-14.

Began his coaching career as the manager for Single A Staten Is. and from 2009-10...the 2010 team featured several future Major Leaguers.

A second round selection of the Chicago White Sox in the 1996 MLB Draft out of Vanderbilt University, Paul played parts of nine seasons in the Majors, including with the White Sox (1999-2003), Chicago Cubs (2003), Angels (2004-05) and Tampa Bay Devil Rays (2006-07)

Was inducted into the Cape Cod League Hall of Fame in 2008 as the only player in league history to win the batting title, MVP Award and Outstanding Pro Prospect Award in the same season (1995)



RAMON SANTIAGO First Base Coach | Born: August 31, 1979 | Hometown: Las Matas de Farfan, DR

Begins his fourth season on the Tigers coaching staff and third as the club's first base coach. Spent last season as the third base coach, after serving as the first base coach during his first two years with the club. Was originally named to the coaching staff on November 2, 2017

In addition to his responsibilities as first base coach, he works with Chip Hale to coach the club's infielders

Joined the Tigers coaching staff after a very productive 16-year professional playing career, including 13 seasons at the Major League level with the Tigers (2002-03, 2006-13), Seattle Mariners (2004-05) and Cincinnati Reds (2014)

In 920 career games in the big leagues, he hit .243/.314/.330 with 30 home runs and 214 RBI

Was a part of four postseason teams in Detroit, including the Tigers 2006 and

2012 American League Championship clubs

Hit a walk-off grand slam in his final Major League at-bat on September 27, 2014 as a member of the Cincinnati Reds vs. Pittsburgh

Collected three hits for the Tigers in Game 1 of the 2011 American League Championship Series vs. Texas, tying the club's ALCS single-game record...had nine hits overall in that series, which tied Placido Polanco's 2006 club record for hits in an ALCS

Selected as a Topps Rookie All-Star in 2002

Made his Major League debut on May 17, 2002 vs. Texas going 1x3...led off the game on June 3, 2002 vs. Boston with his first Major League home run off Pedro Martinez, then later in the game homered off Tim Wakefield...added another leadoff home run the next day off John Burkett

Selected as a Midwest League All-Star in 2000, and was rated the best defensive shortstop in the Midwest League.

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TYLER ALEXANDER

POSITION
LHP

BATS
Right

THROWS
Left

HEIGHT
6-2

WEIGHT
200

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BADDOO**

POSITION
OF

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Left

THROWS
Left

HEIGHT
6-1

WEIGHT
210

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MATTHEW BOYD

POSITION
LHP

BATO
Left

THROWS
Left

HEIGHT
6-3

WEIGHT
234



BEAU BURROWS

POSITION
RHP

BIRTH
Right

THROWS
Right

HEIGHT
6-2

WEIGHT
210

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MIGUEL CABRERA

POSITION
INF

BATS
Right

THROWS
Right

HEIGHT
6-4

WEIGHT
249

ROOKIE

2013-2014

SENIOR

2015-2016



D

DAZ CAMERON

POSITION
OF

BATS
Right

THROWS
Right

HEIGHT
6-2

WEIGHT
185

7/15/1997, McDonough

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POSITION
INF

BATS
Switch

THROWS
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HEIGHT
6-1

WEIGHT
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POSITION
UTIL

BATS
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THROWS
Right

HEIGHT
5-10

WEIGHT
151

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INF

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THROW
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HEIGHT
6-1

WEIGHT
170

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4/24/1997

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JOSÉ CISNERO

POSITION
RHP

BATS
Right

THROWS
Right

HEIGHT
6-3

WEIGHT
245

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D

**ALEX
FAEDO**

POSITION
RHP

BATS
Right

THROWS
Right

HEIGHT
6-5

WEIGHT
225



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BATS
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THROWS
Right

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6-4

WEIGHT
232

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2014, Farmington, CT



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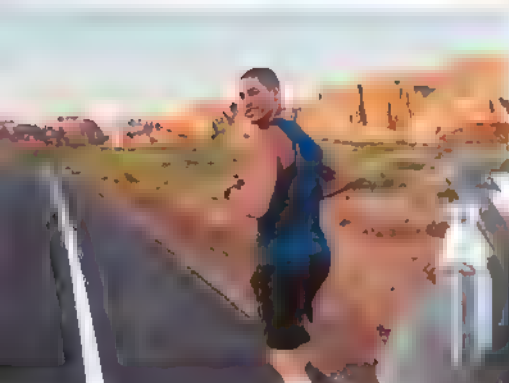
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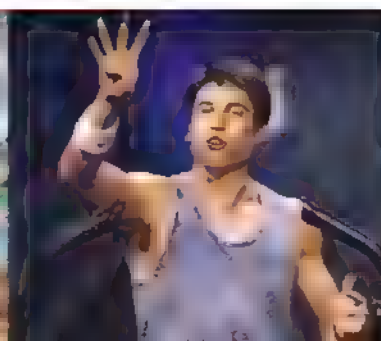
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RHP

BATS
Right

THROWS
Right

HEIGHT
6-3

WEIGHT
225

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7/17/85
Troy, Michigan

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D

**RYAN
GARCIA**

POSITION
RHP

BATS
Right

THROWS
Right

HEIGHT
6-1

WEIGHT
215

BORN
4/19/1995, Miami, FL

FOIA
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D

RONY
GARCÍA

POSITION
RHP

BATS
Right

THROWS
Right

HEIGHT
6-3

WEIGHT
200

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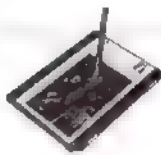


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POSITION
UTIL

BATS
Switch

THROWS
Right

HEIGHT
6-3

WEIGHT
198

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1998-09-10

SCHOOL

University of Michigan

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THROW
Right

BATTING
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HEIGHT
6-6

WEIGHT
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OF

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Switch

THROWS
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HEIGHT
6-0

WEIGHT
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D

**DEREK
HILL**

POSITION
OF

BATS
Right

THROWS
Right

HEIGHT
6-2

WEIGHT
190

BORN
12/30/1995

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JOE
JIMÉNEZ

POSITION
RHP

BATS
Right

THROWS
Right

HEIGHT
6-3

WEIGHT
272

2020 18-10-1

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D

JACOBY
JONES

POSITION
OF

BATS
Right

THROWS
Right

HEIGHT
6-2

WEIGHT
201

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BATS
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THROW
Right

HEIGHT
6-3

WEIGHT
197

BORN
10/2/1995, Riverside, CA

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A full-page photograph of Detroit Tigers pitcher Matt Manning on the pitcher's mound. He is wearing a dark navy blue jersey with a white "D" logo, white pants, and a navy blue cap. He is in a ready position, holding a black baseball glove on his left hand. The background shows a blurred stadium with spectators and a large blue "D" logo on the outfield fence.

D

MATT MANNING

POSITION
RHP

BAF
Right

THROW
Right

HEIGHT
6-6

WEIGHT
195

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POSITION
OF

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6-4

WEIGHT
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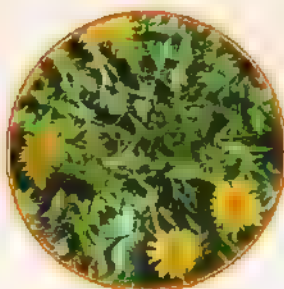
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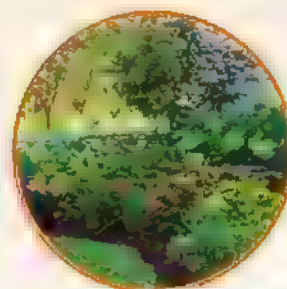
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THROWS
Right

HEIGHT
6-3

WEIGHT
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POSITION
LHP

BATS
Left

THROWS
Left

HEIGHT
6-2

WEIGHT
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4/25/1993, Johnson City, TN

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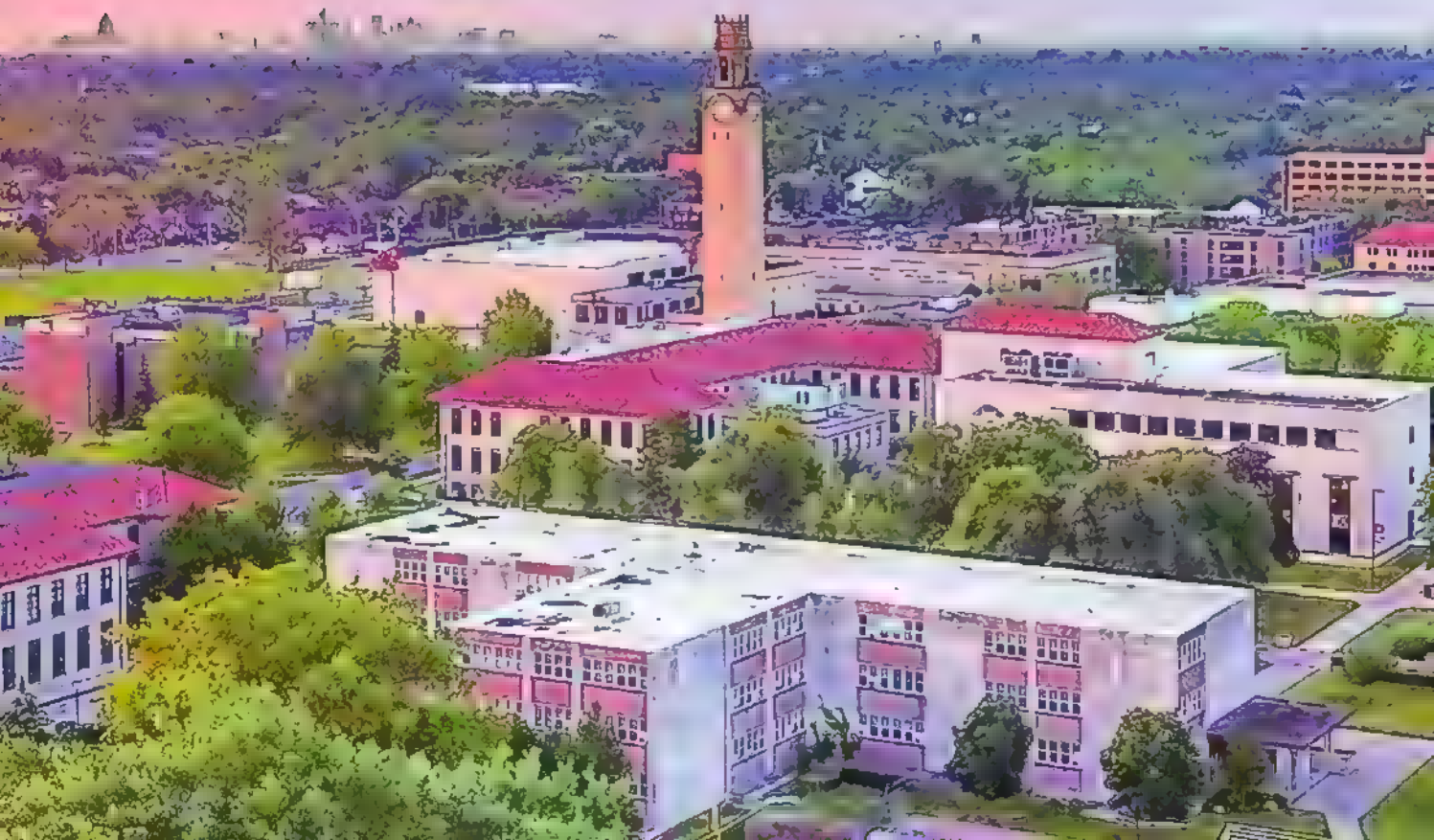
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ISAAC PAREDES

POSITION
INF

BATS
Right

THROWS
Right

HEIGHT
5-11

WEIGHT
213

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POSITION

RHP

BATS

Right

THROWS

Right

HEIGHT

6-3

WEIGHT

197

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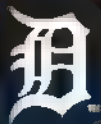
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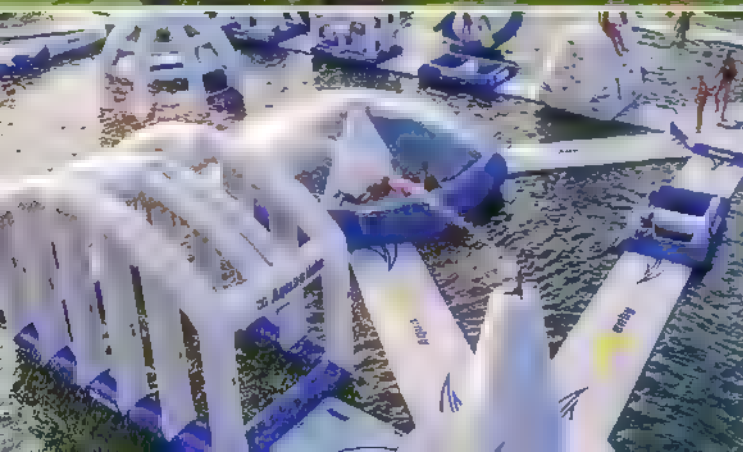
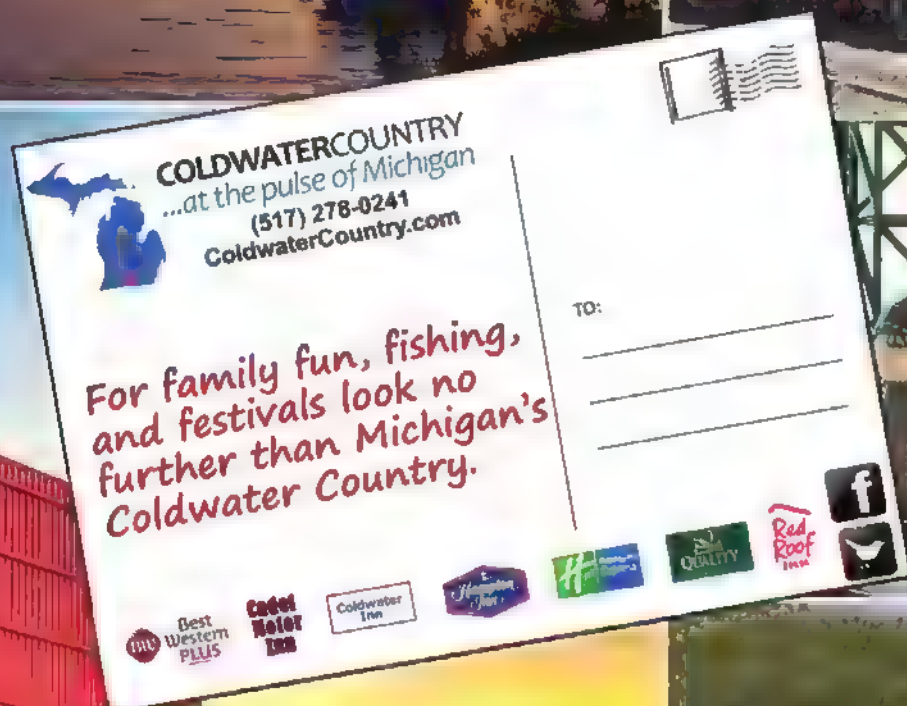
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FROM "LACKLUSTER" TO UNFORGETTABLE

Take a look back at one of Detroit's most iconic seasons and teams, the 2006 Tigers

By Jennifer Rogers

Fireworks exploded April 17, 2006, as legendary manager Jim Leyland—in his first season leading the Tigers—unleashed a postgame rant that re-energized one of the most memorable seasons in franchise history, and kicked off nearly a decade of dominant baseball in Detroit.

After a 10-2 loss to the Cleveland Indians at Comerica Park on April 17, 2006 which led to a split in the four-game series, Leyland was asked by a local reporter what bothered him most about the setback.

"It was lackluster, the whole ball of wax was just not there and some. We had a chance to take the series back, and we didn't take it, and it came out like we thought our luck was out. It was just a bad game before the game, it was just a bad game, it was just a bad game."

"This is not a good job, it's not a good job, and it's not going to happen here. It's not a good job, it's not a good job, it's not a good job, it's not a good job. They were not ready, they were not ready, they were not ready, they were not ready. Oakland, I think they were OK and I think they lost it, OK. That's not good enough."

The message was received. The 2006 Tigers went on to win 26 of their next 35 games en route to a 96-67 record, the franchise's first playoff berth since 1987 and their first World Series appearance since 1984.

Setting the Scene

When Hall of Fame catcher Ivar "Pudge" Rodriguez signed as a free agent contract with Detroit before the 2004 season, he was told on the spot that the Tigers were in the process of building a winning culture, and would be in the World Series in a couple of years. Considering his last combined for 1981-86 was from 2003-2005 and didn't finish last season's playoffs, it was a bold statement. Under the tutelage of Leyland and an offseason reshuffle of all young talent, the Tigers found themselves among the elite two teams playing in October.

Kerry Rogers led a pitching staff that also featured a starting rotation of Jeromy Bonaquist, Nate Robertson, Zach Miner and highly touted right-handed rookie Justin Verlander. Rogers was 31 years old and in his 18th season in the big leagues. Not a single other starting pitcher for the Tigers had reached their 30th birthday, with Verlander just 22 years old on Opening Day.

Detroit's bullpen had additional experience to its disposal. Closer Todd Jones and Jamie Walker combined for 19 seasons of experience in the big leagues. Fernando Rodney and Jesse Giffi had three and four years





of service, respectively. And then there was the 21-year-old rookie Joel Zumaya, who was a 2002 Tigers draftee. The powerful right-handed reliever regularly threw more than 100 miles per hour, and pitched with an edge that instantly made him a fan favorite at Comerica Park.

The Tigers' offense also came alive in 2006, with Rodríguez (.300), Carlos Guillén (.320), Magglio Ordonez (.298) and Placido Polanco (.295) each batting around .300 for the season, and Craig Monroe (28), Brandon Inge (27), Marcus Thames (26) and Ordonez (24) all eclipsing the 20-home run mark. A 25-year-old Curtis Granderson athletically roamed center field for the Tigers, and Chris Shelton provided additional pop with 16 home runs and 16 doubles.

Baseball fever was back in Detroit, captivating a city and ushering in one of the greatest eras in Tigers baseball history. Take a look back at some of the most iconic and pivotal moments of the 2006 Tigers season.

April 1 - New Tigers skipper Jim Leyland managed his first game for the Detroit Tigers, a victory over the Kansas City Royals, 3-1. Leyland went on to manage the Tigers through the 2013 season, compiling a 700-597 record in those eight seasons and two American League Pennants. Leyland ranks third among Tigers managers in career wins, behind Sparky Anderson (1,331) and Hughie Jennings (1,131).

April 16 - First baseman Chris Shelton recorded his ninth home run just 13 games into the season, joining just three other players in baseball history to accomplish such a feat at the time.

June 18 - Detroit defeated Chicago, 12-3, at Wrigley after the Tigers recorded eight home runs by six different players, capped off by back-to-back homers by Chris Shelton and Brandon Inge in the eighth inning. Kenny Rogers recorded his 200th career victory, becoming the 26th left hander to do so.

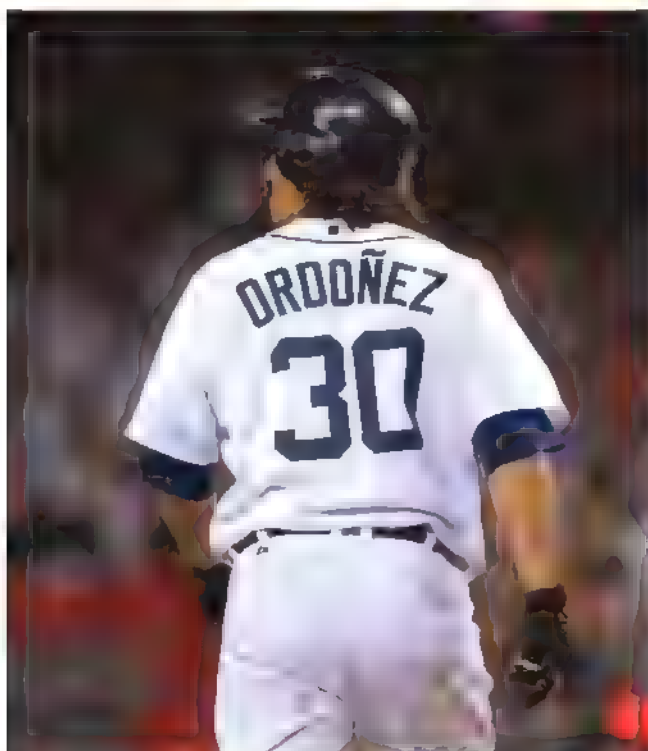
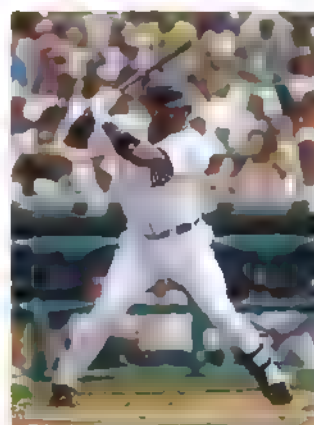
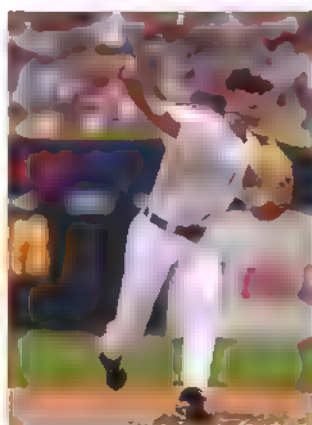
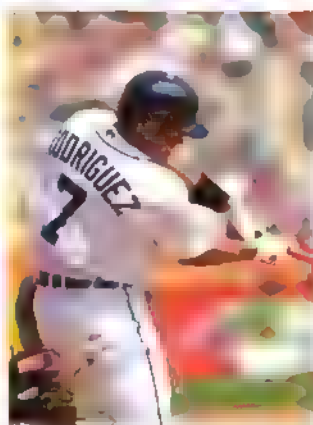
July 14 - Carlos Guillén led the Tigers to victory, after notching the first walk-off homer for Detroit that season. It was the 11th home run of the season for Guillén and came on the fourth pitch of the at-bat against Royals pitcher Jeremy Affeldt.

August 1 - Carlos Guillén hit for the cycle after he recorded a triple in the second inning, a solo home run in the third, a single in the sixth and completed the cycle with a double in the eighth inning. Guillén became the first Tigers player to accomplish the hitting feat since 2001 and just the third since 1950.

August 4 - The Tigers improved to 73-36 after defeating Cleveland, climbing to a season-high 40 games over the .500 mark.

August 5 - The first-place Tigers won their 74th game of the season, a 4-3 victory over the Indians, in dramatic fashion. The Tigers' sixth walk-off victory of the season came courtesy of Ivan Rodríguez and his two-run home run in the bottom of the ninth inning.

September 24 - The Tigers clinched their first postseason spot since 1987 with an 11-4 victory over the Kansas City Royals. Justin Verlander earned his 17th win in his final start of the regular season. Detroit scored nine runs, three courtesy of Craig Monroe.



Game 4 ALDS (October 7) – After dropping the first game of the series against the Yankees, the Tigers would go on to win three in a row with an 8-3 victory at Comerica Park to advance to the American League Championship series. In the clinching game, Jeremy Bonderman tossed a no-hitter through 5.0 innings and allowed just five hits in 8.2 innings.

Game 2 ALCS (October 11) – Justin Verlander earned his first career postseason win after tossing 5.1 innings, allowing four runs, while striking out six. Curtis Granderson and Alexis Gomez homered in the contest and Todd Jones recorded his second save of the postseason after stranding the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth. The Tigers defeated Oakland, 8-5, and headed back to Comerica Park with a commanding 2-0 series lead.

Game 4 ALCS (October 14) – The home run. Every Tigers fan knows what happened in this series-clinching victory. Going into the bottom of the ninth inning, with nearly 43,000 on the edge of their seat at Comerica Park, Magglio Ordonez launched his second home run of the game, a three-run walk-off shot, advancing the Tigers to their 10th World Series in franchise history.

November 13 – Justin Verlander won the American League Rookie of the Year award. The 23-year-old finished the season 17-9 with a 3.63 ERA across 30 starts, striking out 124 batters.

November 15 – Jim Leyland was named American League Manager of the Year. It marked the third time Leyland had been awarded the honor, winning the award in 1990 and 1992 as the manager of the Pirates.



FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME

By: Jennifer Rogers

The influence of baseball in Latin America is immeasurable. Some of the game's greatest talents and biggest names such as Roberto Clemente, Pedro Martinez and Detroit's own Miguel Cabrera hail from these baseball-centric countries. In 2021, the Dominican Republic lead all countries/territories represented on Major League Opening Day rosters/injured lists with 98 players, followed by Venezuela with 64. Other Spanish-speaking countries represented on Opening Day rosters included Cuba (19), Puerto Rico (18), Mexico (11), Colombia (6), Panama (2), and Nicaragua (1).

Baseball is integrated in nearly all facets of life in Latin America. Those from Venezuela will tell you that baseball is a part of everything, even the everyday vernacular. Sayings such as 'botó la bola' directly translates to 'hit the ball out of the park' but is used to express when someone has performed beyond expectations.

Each player on their way to the big leagues has their own story. Tigers players discuss their hometowns, their love for the game, fun memories of growing up playing baseball and the immense impact baseball has had on their lives.



POR AMOR AL JUEGO

By: Carlos Guillén

La influencia del béisbol en América Latina es incuantificable. Algunos de los talentos más grandes y algunos de los nombres más grandes como Roberto Clemente, Pedro Martínez y el propio astro de los Tigres, Miguel Cabrera, provienen de estos países en que el béisbol es pan de cada día. En 2021 la república Dominicana encabezó todos los países y territorios (fuera de Estados Unidos) representados en las nóminas para el Día Inaugural, que incluye jugadores en lista de incapacitados, seguida por Venezuela con 64. Otras naciones hispanoparlantes con representación en la Jornada Inaugural incluyen a Cuba (19), Puerto Rico (18), México (11), Colombia (6), Panamá (2), y Nicaragua (1).

El béisbol está integrado en casi todas las facetas de la vida en América Latina. Los onundos de Venezuela te dirán que el béisbol es parte de todo, incluso la jerga diaria. Frases como "botó la bola" se aplica cuando alguien hace algo que supera las expectativas.

En su camino a las Mayores, cada jugador tiene su propia historia. Los jugadores de los Tigres discuten aquí sus lugares de origen, su amor por el juego, anécdotas de cuando crecieron jugando béisbol y el inmenso impacto que el deporte ha tenido en sus vidas.



Gregory Soto – Haina, Dominican Republic

My home city is very humble, a lot of poverty, but thank God my grandparents owned small parcels of land, a very low resources one, you know that's how you survive on the countryside. Although it's a very small town, many professional ballplayers were born there.

I started playing at four years old. My mom asked my sister to sign me up for baseball. I learned how to play from my coaches, I've always liked baseball. Although, I did not have any influence from my dad or uncle, they played the game.

People down there [Haina] love baseball and support the players. For being a small town, we have had many big leaguers, more than 10, and the most popular I guess were the Pérez brothers, Melido and Carlos. People really love baseball back there [Haina]. One of the Major Leaguers I played with when I was a kid is Luis and Angel Perdomo.

I remember when I was 11 years old, we used to play on the right field corner of the field, that's how they divided the field. There was a rule, if a hitter hit a foul or a home run he had to go and get the ball back. So, I hit a foul ball very far, so I had to go and get it, so I was trying to get over the fence and on top of it I got dizzy, so I went backwards and landed on the ground with my head. I hit myself pretty hard, they even had to get me stitches! I won't forget that.

Mi ciudad natal es humilde, de bajos recursos, pero gracias a Dios mis abuelos tenían conucos, de esa manera se sobrevivía en el campo. De Bajos de Haina, Nigua, han salido muchos peloteros a pesar de ser una ciudad muy pequeña.

Empecé a jugar a los 4 años, recuerdo que mi mamá le pidió a mi hermana que me apuntara en béisbol. Aprendí a jugar en el terreno con los coaches aunque siempre me ha gustado el baseball. No tuve una influencia de un tío o de mi papá, ellos jugaban, pero no me influenciaron. Yo nací con eso, y aunque tuve varios coaches, recuerdo a uno en especial que se llama a Miguelito.

Allá las personas apoyan mucho al béisbol. Para ser un campito han salido muchos grandeligas, más de 10. Entre ellos, los hermanos Melido y Carlos Pérez. El beisbol allá es muy quendo y de los muchachos con los que jugué, Luis y Angel Perdomo llegaron a Grandes Ligas.

De las cosas que recuerdo cuando era niño, una de ellas es que cuando tenía como 11 años jugábamos en la esquina del right field del terreno. Así era como lo dividían así para los menores y recuerdo que pegué un foul que casi se va de jonrón. Mis compañeros me dijeron que si la sacaba tenía que buscarla, así que fui a buscarla y al subirme a la cerca sentí mareo, me fui para atrás y me golpee la cabeza, me agarraron puntos y eso una se me olvida.



José Cisnero — Haina and Cibao, Dominican Republic

I was born in Haina but I grew up in Cibao. Since I was a kid, we struggled a lot. I used to work on everything I could to help my mom. I was always ready to work and do what all of us wanted which was having something to eat. I loaded sacks of rice, worked at a bakery, and cleaned shoes. I also repaired tires, work on construction. That's normal back there for young people.

I started playing when I was very young at Liga Paredes. When I was growing up I was always under a spotlight, winning trophies and medals. When I turned 14 we moved back to Haina and then I realized what I wanted to do for a living.

I learned baseball at Villa Arriba, in Cibao, I always say I'm from there because I've lived there for long time and I've had the best moments of my life there. In Cibao baseball is important, everyone loves the game, specially the Winter League. Everyone watches the [Winter League] games on TV when they can't go to the ballpark. The games are very exciting down there.

I was very poor and most of the time I went to play bare foot because I had no shoes. I used to play wearing jeans and people gave me shoes and pants to play. I know we struggled and now that things are easier, I want to keep moving forward. What I had to go through was very hard. I signed to play professional baseball when I was 18 years old and I said that if I didn't sign that year I wouldn't play baseball ever again. So, a friend, who was a military member gave me an advise to keep my head up and don't give up, and that I had to keep going because I was going to make it. He asked me to go with him to a service and there a Pastor prayed for me so I could get out of there, under God's Grace and blessed, I said OK and we went. That week I had a try out and got signed to play baseball.

Yo nací en Haina pero crecí en el Cibao. Desde chiquito pasé mucho trabajo, solía trabajar todo lo que se apareciera, para ayudar a mi mamá. Siempre estaba activo para el trabajo y lograr lo que uno quería que era tener algo de comer.

Yo cargué arroz en fincas, trabajé en una panadería, limpié zapatos, eso es normal allá para los jóvenes, tapando goma de motores, en la construcción.

Empecé desde pequeño en la Liga Paredes, siempre estuve ahí desde chiquito, ya cuando iba subiendo me iba destacando siempre al bate y lanzando. Me ganaba mucho trofeos y medallas. A los 14 volví a Haina y ahí entendí qué es lo que quería hacer.

Me enseñaron béisbol en Villa arriba en el Cibao, yo siempre digo que soy de allí porque ahí he vivido mis mejores tiempos. En el Cibao el béisbol es importante, todos aman el deporte, allá es importante la liga de invierno. Todo el mundo mira los juegos por TV, los juegos son muy emocionantes.

Yo era muy pobre y siempre iba descalzo al terreno, no tenía zapatos, todo me lo regalaban. Recuerdo que jugaba en jeans, me regalaban los pantalones. Yo me he catalogado como alguien que pasó mucho trabajo y ahora que tengo las cosas más fáciles quiero seguir hacia adelante. Lo que pase fue tan fuerte que pensé que no iba a firmar. Yo firmé a los 18 y decía que si no firmaba a esa edad no iba a volver a jugar. Un amigo militar me aconsejó, me dijo que levantara la cabeza, que no me rindiera y que siguiera ya que todo se iba a lograr. Me dijo que fuera a la iglesia para que el pastor orara por mí y saliera con la ayuda de Dios y bendecido. Fuimos y a la semana tuve un try out y firmé para jugar profesional.



Harold Castro — Caracas, Venezuela

I was born in Caracas, Venezuela. Caracas has a nice weather and in December is a bit cold, I love that cold. Given that it is the capital city of the country you see a lot of movement, the city doesn't stop.

I started playing when I was three years old with my dad, he is the one who trained me from that age until I signed to play professional baseball. Even when I was at the academy trying to get signed, he kept training me. I signed [to play professionally] when I was 17 years old but my dad still teaches me. When he is not in Detroit with me he watches the game and tells me what I'm doing wrong and what I have to do to get better, then I put it into practice and I get good results.

I remember when I was a kid I used to be a pitcher too. When I had to take the mound this season that memory came to my mind, it was pretty nice, I felt like I was back in the old days. I guess that day I was throwing at the same velocity [as when I was a kid].

Nací en Caracas, es una ciudad fresca y en diciembre hace frío, me gusta ese frío. Como es la capital siempre tiene movimiento, nunca está parada.

Empecé a jugar a los 3 años con mi papá, él siempre me ha entrenado hasta que firmé, incluso cuando estaba en la academia buscando firma el me seguía entrenando. Firmé a los 17 y todavía me enseña, por ejemplo, cuando no está aquí conmigo él ve los juegos y me dice qué estoy haciendo mal y lo que tengo que hacer para mejorar, así que lo pongo en práctica y me resulta.

Yo recuerdo cuando era niño era pitcher y me acordé mucho cuando me toco lanzar aquí, me vino ese recuerdo de cuando lo hacía y fue bonito, me sentí como en esos momentos, creo que esa vez lancé a la misma velocidad que cuando era niño.



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Victor Reyes — Barcelona, Venezuela

I was born in Barcelona, a coastal city in Venezuela. There is plenty of history there, many Independence's battles were fought in the area. It's a city with a lot of hard-working people, a nice city to visit and many historical places to tour. Many beaches around, we were like 10 minutes away from the shore.

I started playing at the age of three. I have an older brother who used to play and my mom brought me to his games and while he was playing she tossed balls to me. We would play on the sidelines. My mom is the one who taught me how to play. In my family all my cousins played baseball, it was a family thing, all of us love baseball. My mom loves it big time and she is the one who introduced me to the sport.

I have plenty of memories from little league, especially state tournaments, and later national tournaments. You represented your state, that was awesome. Also being able to travel around the country and see new cities was pretty nice.

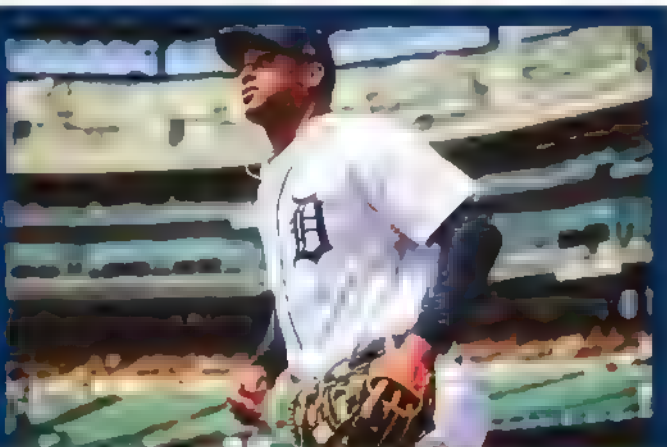
Baseball is important down there, it is like a tradition. We have had many players in the big leagues. Baseball is something you live on the streets, you can breathe baseball everywhere.

Nací en Barcelona, una ciudad con mucha historia, allí hubo muchas batallas en la época de Independencia, es un pueblo con mucha gente trabajadora, una ciudad muy bonita de visitar, con muchos sitios históricos para recorrer. Es zona costera, estamos a 10 minutos de la playa.

Recuerdo que empecé a jugar desde los tres años, tengo un hermano mayor que jugaba y mi mamá lo llevaba al estadio y mi ella se ponía a un lado conmigo a lanzarme pelotas, a pitchearme, ella fue la que me enseñó. En mi familia todos mis primos jugaban béisbol, era algo de familia, a todos les gusta el y a mi mamá le encanta y prácticamente ella me inició en el deporte.

Tengo muchos recuerdos de los viajes cuando iba a los torneos regionales, y representabas al estado, uno como niño disfrutaba muchísimo que ibas a otro estado a conocer otras ciudades y eso era muy bonito.

El béisbol allá es importante, a nivel de tradición, hemos tenido muchos grandeligas, es algo que se vive en la calle, se respira el béisbol en el ambiente



Jonathan Schoop — Willemstad, Curaçao

Curaçao is a small island, it is very nice and pretty with lots of nice beaches. Many big leaguers were born there. When I was a kid I played with Jurickson Profar, Didi Gregorius, and Andrelton Simmons. Kenley Jansen played with my older brother. I also played with Ozzie Albies. Many of them made it to the majors before I did. Sharon Martis, Jair Jurgens, Yurendel DeCaster, Randall Simon, I saw them play... Andruw Jones, everyone knows him back there. They participated in clinics with us and that encouraged us to keep going to fulfil our dreams.

My life growing up was good, I come from a good family. I have a lot of cousins from both mom and dad's side and we played baseball and soccer all the time. My brother, my cousin, and my dad were the ones who taught me [how to play baseball]. I have two older brothers who played baseball, my family loves to play sports either baseball or soccer.

I went to Williamsport to participate in the Little League World Series and we won the tournament in 2004. It was the best moment in my life. We came from a small island and we won the World Series. After that many people started to ask where Curaçao is, so, we put Curaçao on many people's map.

Curaçao, es una isla pequeña, es linda, con mucha playa, y muchos peloteros han salido de ahí, es muy turístico.

Mi vida allá fue buena, tengo una buena familia de parte de mamá y papá. Tengo muchos primos y todo el tiempo jugamos pelota en casa de mi abuela materna, si no jugábamos béisbol jugábamos fútbol.

Mi hermano, mi primo y mi papá me enseñaron a jugar béisbol, tengo dos hermanos grandes que juegan pelota. En mi familia el deporte es importante, bien sea el béisbol o el fútbol.

Cuando niño jugué con muchos peloteros que después llegaron a Grandes Ligas como yo, por ejemplo: Jurickson Profar, Andrelton Simmons, Ozzie Albies. Mi hermano jugó con Kenley Jansen. Y aunque no jugamos en la misma categoría, también eran parte del grupo Sharon Martis, Yurendel DeCaster, Randall Simon, yo los vi a todos y todos conocen a Andruw Jones. Ellos nos dieron clinics y nos entusiasmaron a seguir jugando para cumplir nuestros sueños.

Una de las anécdotas que tengo es que fui a Williamsport y ganamos ese torneo en 2004. Fue el mejor momento de mi vida de niño, jugábamos pelota, veníamos de una isla pequeña y ganamos esa serie mundial y de ahí mucha gente empezó a preguntar dónde estaba Curaçao y nosotros la pusimos en el mapa.

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Jeimer Candelario — Dominican Republic

I was born in New York but raised in the Dominican Republic. When I was four or five my parents decided to move to the Dominican because my dad was going to open an academy to train kids and teenagers. It was a blessing - I could learn on the field, in New York you just play for a few months, but in the Dominican Republic you can play the whole year.

My dad says that since I was a kid I grabbed everything and used it to swing, he always hit grounders for me to field, my dad was key in my career since the beginning until today.

Baseball means a lot for the Dominican Republic, it's something that identifies us, it's in our blood. Back there you're searching for God and playing baseball. In every corner you can see kids playing with a stick and bottle caps we call 'vitilla'. We used to play with balls made of socks as well. The Dominican Republic is not a large country, but people recognize us because we perform in the big leagues.

Baseball is fun there [in the Dominican], we have lots of fans, you live baseball there. Fans put a lot of pressure on you, so you do things good. Playing down there is a blessing for those who need to keep developing.

Playing in a final series [in winter ball], it's something unbelievable; I did it in the 2019-20 season, we became champions. It was an unbelievable experience - I've never lived anything like that, it was wonderful.

Nací en Nueva York y me crié en la República Dominicana. Cuando tenía cuatro o cinco años mis padres decidieron ir a la República Dominicana pues mi papá iba a abrir una academia para entrenar a niños y jóvenes. Eso fue una gran bendición porque pude aprender y dar lo mejor de mí en el terreno, porque en Nueva York se juegan tres o cuatro meses al año por el frío, y allá en Dominicana se juega el año entero.

Mi padre me decía que desde pequeño yo agarraba cosas para hacer swing, él siempre me ponía a coger rollings, el hecho de que él me haya enseñado fue un punto muy clave en mi carrera desde el inicio hasta ahora.

El béisbol significa mucho para la República Dominicana, es algo que nos identifica, nos corre por la sangre. Allá se busca a Dios y se juega béisbol. En cada esquina los muchachos juegan con un palo y una vitilla o con una pelota de medias. Tú sabes que no es tan grande, pero nos reconocen por cómo nos hemos desempeñado en Grandes Ligas.

Allá la pelota es sabrosa, es de muchos fanáticos, de mucha demanda, allá se vive la pelota, los fanáticos meten presión para que uno haga las cosas bien. Jugar allá es una bendición para aquellos que necesitan seguir desarrollándose. Jugar una final allá es algo increíble. Allá juego con toros del Este y en la 2019-20 nos coronamos campeones, nunca lo he vivido algo así, es algo especial y fue algo maravilloso.



Willi Castro — Puerto Rico and Dominican Republic

A lot of people always ask me where I'm from. I was born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, but was raised in and grew up with my cousins in the Dominican Republic. My childhood was fun, I grew up with my cousins, then my parents made the decision to move Dominican Republic and I was raised there with my family. I moved when I was 3 years old.

My dad signed to play with the Tigers, and I have two uncles who signed to play professional too. My dad was the one who helped me enjoy the game since I was a young kid.

In the Dominican Republic in every corner you see a kid playing with a bat and a ball, baseball is the number one sport there, then is soccer, everybody down there knows about baseball, it's something in your blood.

Mucha gente siempre me pregunta los mismo, que de dónde soy. Yo nací en Puerto Rico pero crecí en la República Dominicana. Mi niñez fue divertida, creciendo con mis primos, luego mis padres decidieron mudarse a República Dominicana y ahí fue que me crie allá con mi familia, nos mudamos cuando tenía tres años.

El béisbol es de familia. Mi papá firmó con Detroit, tengo dos tíos que también jugaron profesional. Pero fue mi papá el que me puso para que la pelota me gustara más desde pequeño.

Allá en República Dominicana tu ves en cualquier esquina niños jugando con un bate y una pelota, es el deporte número uno, le sigue el fútbol el soccer y allá de eso es que se vive, todo el mundo sabe de beisbol, es algo que uno lleva en la sangre.

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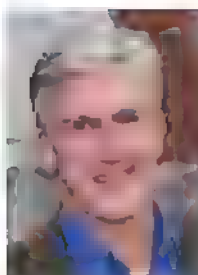
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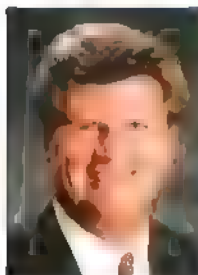
Dan Dickerson

- Veteran Michigan sports announcer Dan Dickerson returns for his 22nd season in the booth and his 19th season as the lead play-by-play voice of the Tigers. Dan made his Tigers debut in 2000, working alongside Hall of Fame broadcaster, Ernie Harwell.
- Dickerson does play-by-play for Bally Sports Detroit in the offseason, covering the MHSAA High School Football Championships and Big Ten Hockey.
- Dan also teaches a short course on play-by-play at Michigan State University each winter. Dan's wife, Lon Anne, is a Journalism Professor at MSU.
- Dan is co-host, along with Pat Caputo, of "Tiger Talk," a weekly

offseason talk show on WXYT that focuses on Tigers news and baseball hot stove topics.

• Dickerson previously worked five years with former Tigers flagship radio station WJR, where he did a little bit of everything: play-by-play for University of Michigan football and basketball, sideline reporter for UM football, sports reporter, and co-host of "Sportsrap," with the talented Steve Courtney.

- Spent six-and-a-half years with Detroit's WWJ AM from 1988-95, hosting a post-game call-in show following Detroit Lions broadcasts and serving as a sideline reporter for University of Michigan football...also anchored WWJ's news and sports on the weekends and served as a general assignment news reporter.
- Dan began his sports broadcasting career at WCUZ Radio in Grand Rapids, MI, working at the station from 1982-88 in both news and sports.
- Started in radio in 1980 with WMAX radio in Grand Rapids, covering general assignment news and anchoring afternoon newscasts.
- Named the 2018 Ernie Harwell Lifetime Achievement Award winner by Detroit Sports Media.
- Won the 2008 Ty Tyson Excellence in Sports Broadcasting Award, named after the Tigers pioneer broadcaster, Ty Tyson, and is awarded annually by Detroit Sports Media.
- Named Michigan Sportscaster of the Year in 2005, 2008 and 2014 by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association.
- Earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1980.
- Resides in Clarkston, MI with wife, Lon Anne, and children, Rachel and Justin.
- Dickerson is available on Twitter @Dan_Dickerson.



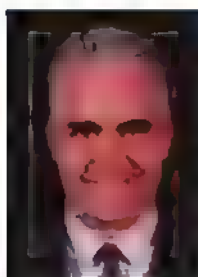
Jim Price

- A member of the Tigers 1968 World Series Championship Team, Jim Price begins his 29th season overall on Tigers broadcasts and his 23rd full season on the Tigers Radio Network.
- Originally joined Frank Beckmann on the Tigers radio broadcasts in June, 1998...had spent the first part of that season as a feature reporter on FOX Sports Net's pre-game and "Tigers Weekly" programs.
- Began his Tigers broadcasting career on PASS cable telecasts in 1993, serving as play-by-play announcer...broadcast Tigers games on cable for five seasons.
- Was also the third man in the booth during the Tigers over-

the-air broadcasts on WKBD-TV from 1995-97...filled in for a handful of games as play-by-play announcer in 1997.

- Other broadcast credits include work as play-by-play man on Chicago White Sox cable telecasts, color commentary for ESPN college baseball and anchoring weekend sports on Detroit's WIBK TV.
- Assisted in the Tigers front office efforts, focusing on baseball participation camps...joined the organization in 1992 as the Director of Community Relations.
- Played five Major League seasons, all with the Tigers...played 64 games, 42 of them at catcher for the 1968 team that defeated St. Louis in the Fall Classic.
- Had his contract purchased by the Tigers in April of 1967 after seven Minor League seasons with the Pirates.
- Named Minor League Player of the Year in 1963 while with the Pittsburgh Pirates organization.

- A native of Harrisburg, PA, he was a three-sport star at Hershey (PA) High School...refused a number of college football scholarship offers to sign with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1960.
- Inducted into the Kinston (NC) Baseball Hall of Fame in 1995, the Hershey High School Hall of Fame in 2006 and the Central Pennsylvania Hall of Fame in 2008.
- He and his wife, Lisa, founded a not-for-profit foundation called JACK'S PLACE For Autism in October of 2002 to benefit children with autism...the foundation, named after their son who was diagnosed with autism, works to provide services for individuals and families affected by the neurological disorder.
- Because of the tremendous community and corporate support, the foundation's five-year plan was reached in a little over a year...JACK'S PLACE For Autism partnered with Oakland University in Rochester, MI from 2004-08...JACK'S PLACE began to deliver programming and services to individuals and families living with Autism Spectrum Disorder...including soccer, basketball, swimming, baseball, arts and theater...programs also included family counseling, sibling groups, social skills groups, seminars and training sessions for parents, caregivers, physicians, teachers and counselors...To date over 11,000 children and adults throughout the State of Michigan have participated in JACK'S PLACE programs now delivered from Southfield, MI, and with many partners including The YMCA, Indian Trails Camp, Easter Seals and Center for Exceptional Families, ARC of Macomb to name just a few. JACK'S PLACE continues to develop a facility that will house "Quality of Life" programming and a long-term living environment, the first of its kind in the country...the Detroit Tigers in partnership with JACK'S PLACE host one of the longest running Autism Awareness Days in MLB. The Prices have also been honored to be the recipients of the Alvin Foon Humanitarian Award presented by the Michigan Jewish Sports Foundation and Spirit of St. Nicholas Award presented by the St. Nicholas Institute.



Matt Shepard

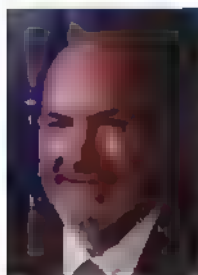
- A Michigan native who has served as a play-by-play announcer, host and reporter, covering professional and college teams for Bally Sports Detroit.
- Shepard is starting his third season as the Tigers play-by-play announcer. He served as the play-by-play announcer in 25 Tigers games in the 2018 season.
- He has called games for the Detroit Pistons, Detroit Red Wings, NFL Europe Arena Football League, CCHA Hockey, "Cold War" and "Big Chill" Outdoor games, MHSAA Football and Basketball Championships on Bally Sports Detroit.
- Hosted Detroit Lions Game Plan along with Detroit Tigers Red

Wings and Pistons pre and postgame shows on Bally Sports Detroit.

- Reporter during game coverage of the Detroit Tigers, Red Wings and Pistons on Bally Sports Detroit. Also provided reports for Wingspan, Tigers Weekly and Football Week in Michigan coverage.
- Shepard has called preseason play-by-play for Detroit Lions games on FOX, CBS TV and ABC since 2008.
- A multi-E Emmy nominee for various individual topics and programs.
- Called the action for Big Ten baseball, football and hockey across the Big Ten for the Big Ten

Network (2007-2017) and CBS College Sports Network (2009-2011).

- Recognized as the play-by-play voice for the University of Michigan basketball from 2003-2010 and Eastern Michigan University football games since 2000.
- In 2017, he served as a Morning Drive radio show host on Michigan Media Network, reaching eight different markets and 17 cities.
- From 2001-2017, Shepard hosted a Morning Drive Show on WDFN Radio.
- Handled play-by-play duties for Palace Sports & Entertainment for the WNBA Detroit Shock and IHL Detroit Vipers (1998-2002).
- Play-by-play announcer and reporter for WWJ Radio for Detroit Pistons and University of Michigan basketball.
- Named NSBA Michigan Sportscenter of the Year in back-to-back years (2015, 2016).
- Honored with the prestigious Ty Tyson Award for Excellence in Sports Broadcasting presented by Detroit Sports Media in 2018.
- Earned a bachelor's degree in Broadcasting with a minor in Journalism from Central Michigan University.
- Born in Farmington Hills, he graduated from North Farmington High School in 1989 where he played football and baseball.
- Shepard and his wife, Lisa, have four children - Chad, Sean, Scott and Rachel.
- Shepard is available on Twitter @ShepMatt.



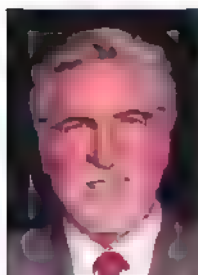
Kirk Gibson

- Former Tigers right fielder Kirk Gibson returns to television for his 11th season to serve as an analyst for Bally Sports Detroit's coverage of the Tigers. Previously, he served as a color analyst on FSN Detroit from 1998-2002.
- Was originally drafted in the first round (12th overall) of the 1978 draft by the Tigers... also selected in the seventh round of the NFL draft by the St. Louis Cardinals.
- Played 17 seasons in the Major Leagues with the Tigers (1979-87), Los Angeles Dodgers (1988-90), Kansas City Royals (1991) and Pittsburgh Pirates (1992). Batted .268 (1553/5798) with 260 doubles, 255 home runs and 870 RBI in 1,635 games

during his Major League career.

- Was a member of the Tigers 1984 World Championship team and was named the ALCS MVP hitting .417 with one home run and two RBI...also was a member of the Los Angeles Dodgers 1988 World Championship Team.
- Began his coaching career as a bench coach for the Tigers from 2003-2005 under manager Ajen Trammell.

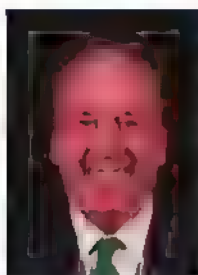
- Served as the Diamondbacks bench coach from 2007 until assuming the interim manager title on July 1, 2010.
- Gibson managed the Arizona Diamondbacks for five seasons (2010-14)...he was named the BBWAA National League Manager of the Year in 2011 after leading Arizona to a National League Western Division title.
- Inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame on December 5, 2017.
- Kirk and his wife, JoAnn, have four children: Colleen, Kirk, Kevin, and Cameron...Cameron was drafted by the Tigers in the fifth round of the 2015 MLB First Year Player Draft and signed.
- Over five seasons in the Tigers Minor Leagues, Cameron has hit .241 with 42 home runs and 217 RBI in 495 games...he played the 2019 season with Erie SeaWolves.
- Kirk started the Kirk Gibson Foundation in 1996 by awarding partial scholarships to men and women at Clarkston and Waterford Kettering High Schools in honor and memory of his parents. He has now repositioned the Kirk Gibson Foundation to promote cooperation, collaboration and teamwork in finding a cure for Parkinson's disease. More information can be found at www.kirkgibsonfoundation.org or on Twitter @23KGibby.



Jack Morris

- Former Tigers starting pitcher Jack Morris returns for his fourth year as an analyst for Bally Sports Detroit.
- Served as a broadcaster with the Minnesota Twins from 2014-20 and was the Twins radio analyst from 2005-11.
- Previously served as an analyst for MLB.com and MLB Network.
- Spent one year with the Toronto Blue Jays as a color analyst for their radio broadcasts in 2013.
- Played 18 seasons in the major leagues with four separate teams including the Tigers (1977-90), Minnesota Twins (1991), Toronto Blue Jays (1992-93) and the Cleveland Indians (1994).
- Was a member of the Tigers 1984 World Championship team and went on to win three more World Series Championships.

- Finished his career with a 254-186 record, 3.90 ERA with 1390 walks and 2478 strikeouts over 549 career games (627 starts).
- The five-time All Star (1981, 1984, 1985, 1987 and 1991) won 10-or-more games 14 times during his career and threw 10-or-more complete games in a season 11 times over his 18 years in the majors.
- Was named the MVP of the 1991 World Series after going 2-0 with a 1.17 ERA over three starts against the Atlanta Braves, including a 10-inning complete game victory to win Game Seven for the Twins.
- Originally drafted by the Tigers in the fifth round of the 1976 draft.
- Inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2018.
- Jack and his wife, Jennifer, have a son, Miles, and reside in Grant, MN. Morris also has two grown children, Austin and Erik.



John Keating

- Entering his 24th season as the entertaining and informative scene-setter for Bally Sports Detroit's coverage of Tigers baseball is the award-winning John Keating, host of the Tigers Live pre and postgame shows.
- Keating provided on-location reports and interviews throughout the network's post-game coverage during the Tigers playoff runs in 2006, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014, including being on the scene for the 2014 division-clinching game in Detroit.
- Also hosts Red Wings Live, as well as Red Wings and Tigers specials...an original member of the Bally Sports Detroit team, Keating was the first person to appear on the network when it

launched on September 17, 1997 for a Red Wings broadcast.

- Has earned nine Michigan Emmy awards with Bally Sports Detroit, including five for work on Tigers programming – 2016 as Best Sports Anchor, 2011 as host of the Behind the Scenes telecast, 2003 as host/producer of Tigers Weekly 2001 for his work on Tigers Weekly 2000 for the Bally Sports Detroit special, Tiger Stadium We'll Remember 2017 as a writer of the Final Game at Joe Louis Arena and 2018 as on-air host for Bally Sports Detroit's Tigers and Red Wings coverage.

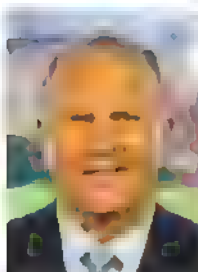
- Has filled in on occasion as play-by-play announcer on Tigers telecasts...also has done play-by-play for coverage of MHSAA football and basketball championship games.
- Emerged on the Detroit television scene in 1996-97 as host of Game Night on PASS, the region's former all-sports network.
- Arrived in the Motor City from Denver, where he spent 11 years (1985-96), concluding as studio host of the Denver Nuggets and Colorado Avalanche radio networks.
- First employed in the Mile High City as a weekend sports anchor/reporter with KMGH-TV...ended his stint at KMGH as Sports Director from 1990-94.
- Honored with three local Emmy Awards for his work at KMGH -- twice as Host, Best Sports Special (1991 and 1992) and once for Best Sports Reporting (1988)...also received UP's National Award for Best Sports Reporting (1988) and was voted "Best Sports Anchor" in Denver for 1993 by Westword Magazine.
- First full-time position in the industry was at WZZR-FM in Grand Rapids as news director...later worked at WZZM-TV as weekend anchor.
- Earned a bachelor's degree in Arts & Media from Grand Valley State University.
- A native of Madison Heights, Keating resides in Canton with wife, Linda...they have three children – Patrick, Lauren and Katie.
- Keating is available on Twitter @JohnKeatingFSD.



Craig Monroe

- Former Tigers outfielder Craig Monroe returns for his 10th season as a studio analyst for the Detroit Tigers on Bally Sports Detroit. He also occasionally serves as an analyst on game broadcasts.
- Monroe played nine seasons in the majors with the Texas Rangers (2001), Detroit Tigers (2002-07), Chicago Cubs (2007), Minnesota Twins (2008) and Pittsburgh Pirates (2009). He was originally drafted in the eighth round of the 1995 MLB First Year Player Draft by the Rangers.

- The Texarkana, TX, native joined the Detroit Tigers organization on February 1, 2002, when he was selected off waivers from the Rangers. He played his first full season in 2003, hitting 23 home runs.
- On July 19, 2006, Monroe hit a grand slam home run off Javier Vazquez of the Chicago White Sox that was decisive in the Tigers' 5-2 win. A career .252 hitter, he recorded career highs with 28 homers and 92 RBI with Detroit in 2006. He also hit five home runs in the 2006 postseason, which culminated in a World Series appearance. Monroe tied the Tigers' career postseason record of five set by Hall of Famer Hank Greenberg.
- Craig and his wife, Kasey, have three children, Morgan, Cannon and Collin.
- Monroe is available on Twitter @CMo 27.



Dan Petry

- Former Tigers pitcher Dan Petry returns for his third season as a studio analyst for Tigers coverage on Bally Sports Detroit.
- Petry helped the Tigers win the 1984 World Series, the 1987 American Eastern Division and the Braves won the 1991 National League Pennant.
- An American League All-Star in 1985, he played for the Detroit Tigers (1979-87 and 1990-91), California Angels (1988-89), Atlanta Braves (1991) and Boston Red Sox (1991).
- He was the last Tigers pitcher to win games for the Tigers in three decades (70's, 80's and 90's).
- In 13 years, he had a 125-104 record (.546), 370 appearances,

300 games started, 52 complete games, 11 shutouts, one save, 2,080 1/3 innings pitched, 1,984 hits allowed, 1,025 runs allowed, 912 earned runs allowed, 218 home runs allowed, 852 walks allowed, 1,063 strikeouts, 47 hit batters, 77 wild pitches, seven balks and a 3.95 ERA.

- He finished fifth in Cy Young voting in 1984.
- He also worked as a Tigers TV analyst when the games were split between networks and served as a substitute color analyst for the Detroit Tigers Radio Network in 2012 and 2018.
- Petry worked the pre and postgame shows with Dan Miller of FOX 2 every Opening Day from 2007-2018 with the exception of 2014 and has worked pre and postgame when the Tigers have been in the playoffs since 2006.
- Dan has served as an assistant baseball coach at Orchard Lake St. Mary's since 2011. His son Matt is the head coach and they are entering their 10th season at the school. They won the Division I State Championship in 2015 and 2019.
- Orchard Lake St. Mary's High School named a field after him "Dan Petry Field" in a ceremony on Oct. 21, 2018.
- Previously, he spent time coaching baseball at Farmington Hills Harrison and Brother Rice High Schools.
- Dan and his wife, Chris, have two sons, Matt and Jeff, who is currently a defenseman for the NHL's Montreal Canadiens, and three grandsons, Boyd, Barrett and Bowen.

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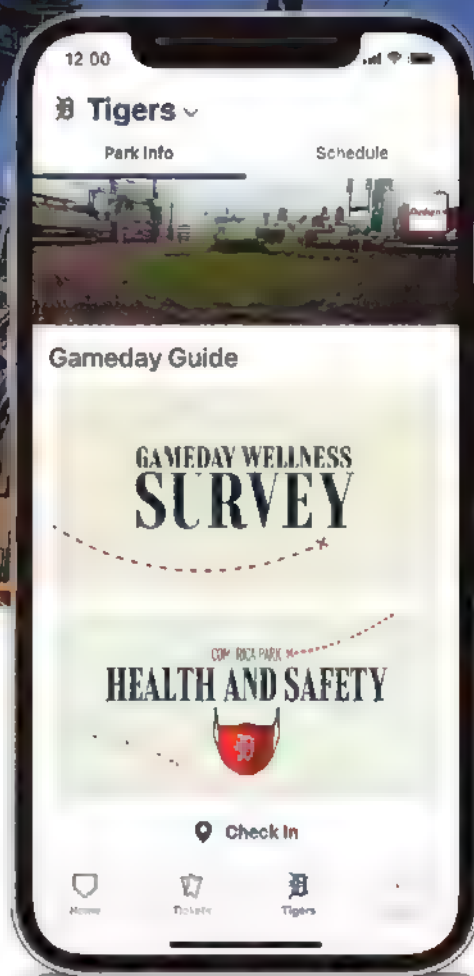
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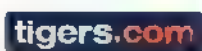
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APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 CLE 1:10	2	3 CLE 1:10
4 CLE 1:10	5 MIN 1:10	6 MIN 1:10	7 MIN 1:10	8	9 CLE 7:10	10 CLE 6:10
11 CLE 1:10	12 HOU 8:10	13 HOU 8:10	14 HOU 7:10	15 OAK 9:40	16 OAK 9:40	17 OAK 4:07
18 OAK 4:07		20 PIT 6:40	21 PIT 6:40	22 PIT 1:10	23 KC 7:10	24 KC 1:10
25 KC 1:10	26 KC 1:10	27 CWS 8:10	28 CWS 8:10	29 CWS 8:10	30 NYY 7:05	

MAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 NYY 1:05
2 NYY 1:05	3	4 BOS 7:10	5 BOS 7:10	6 BOS 1:10	7 MIN 7:10	8 MIN 4:10
9 MIN 1:10	10	11 KC 7:10	12 KC 7:10	13 KC 1:10	14 CHC 7:10	15 CHC 4:10
16 CHC 1:10	17 SEA 10:10	18 SEA 10:10	19 SEA 10:10	20	21 KC 8:10	22 KC 4:10
23 KC 2:10	24 CLE 7:10	25 CLE 7:10	26 CLE 7:10	27 CLE 1:10	28 NYY 7:10	29 NYY 4:10
30 NYY 1:10	31 MIL 2:10					

JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 MIL 7:40	2	3 CWS 8:10	4 CWS 8:10	5 CWS 2:10
6 CWS 2:10	7	8 SEA 7:10	9 SEA 7:10	10 SEA 1:10	11 CWS 7:10	12 CWS 4:10
13 CWS 1:10	14 KC 8:10	15 KC 8:10	16 KC 2:10	17 LAA 9:30	18 LAA 9:30	19 LAA 10:07
20 LAA 4:07	21	22 STL 7:10	23 STL 1:10	24 HOU 7:10	25 HOU 7:10	26 HOU 4:10
27 HOU 1:10	28 CLE 7:10	29 CLE 7:10	30 CLE 7:10			

JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 CWS 7:10	3 CWS 4:10
4 CWS 1:10	5 TEX 8:05	6 TEX 8:05	7 TEX 2:05	8 MIN 8:10	9 MIN 8:10	10 MIN 2:10
11 MIN 2:10	12	13	14	15	16 MIN 7:10	17 MIN 6:10
18 MIN 1:10	19 TEX 7:10	20 TEX 7:10	21 TEX 7:10	22 TEX 1:10	23 KC 8:10	24 KC 7:10
25 KC 2:10	26 MIN 8:10	27 MIN 8:10	28 MIN 1:10	29 BAL 7:10	30 BAL 7:10	31 BAL 6:10

AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 BAL 1:10	2	3 BOS 7:10	4 BOS 7:10	5 BOS 1:10	6 CLE 7:10	7 CLE 7:10
8 CLE 1:10	9	10 BAL 7:05	11 BAL 7:05	12 BAL 4:05	13 CLE 7:10	14 CLE 6:10
15 CLE 1:10	16	17 LAA 7:10	18 LAA 7:10	19 LAA 1:10	20 TOR 7:07	21 TOR 3:07
22 TOR 1:07	23	24 STL 7:45	25 STL 1:15	26	27 TOR 7:10	28 TOR 6:10
29 TOR 1:10	30	31 OAK 7:10				


SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

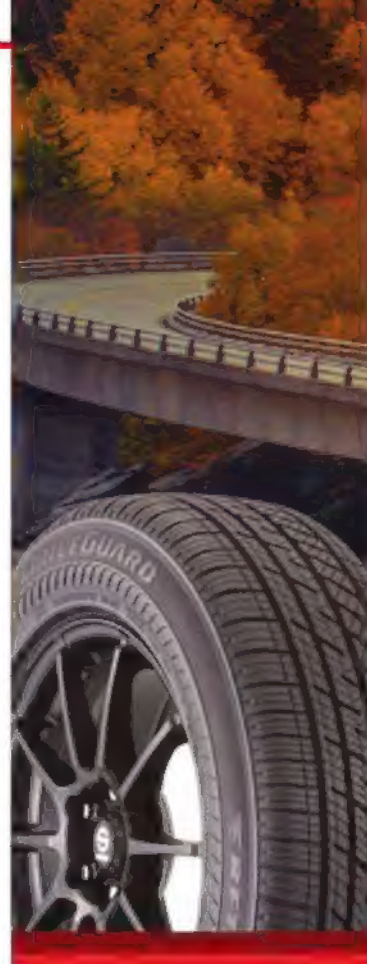
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5 CIN 1:10	6 PIT 1:35	7 PIT 6:35	8 PIT 6:35	9	10 TB 7:10	11 TB 6:10
12 TB 1:10	13	14 MIL 6:40	15 MIL 1:10	16 TB 7:10	17 TB 7:10	18 TB 4:10
19 TB 1:10	20 CWS 6:40	21 CWS 6:40	22 CWS 1:10	23	24 KC 7:10	25 KC 6:10
26 KC 1:10	27	28 MIN 7:40	29 MIN 7:40	30 MIN 7:40	1 CWS 8:10	2 CWS 7:10
3 CWS 3:10						

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